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## DAILY SUMMARY – OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Current as of 11:00 a.m. EST April 3, 2003

## Significant Events in Last 24 Hours Iraqi Forces Update • U.S. Central Command spokesman states • The Republican Guard Medina and that coalition forces are in a "deliberate Baghdad Divisions defending south advance" toward Baghdad, with the 3rd of Baghdad have been rendered Infantry Division and the 1st Marine combat ineffective by U.S. air and Expeditionary Brigade conducting a twoground attacks and are offering only pronged attack toward the city. Bashur sporadic resistance as U.S. forces airfield @ Special Operations forces raided the Thar advance toward Baghdad. Thar presidential palace, a known residence (anilan Reports indicate that the Republican of Saddam, some 56 miles south of Guard Al Nida Division remains in Baghdad. The forces secured some Iragi positions east of Baghdad, but has documents and departed. come under heavy attack by coalition • U.S. forces lost one F/A-18C Hornet fighter Halabja air strikes over the past two days in over Iraq, possibly to an Iraqi surface-to-air anticipation of a U.S. ground attack. missile. A U.S. Army UH-60 Blackhawk U.S. military officials believe that the helicopter was shot down by small arms fire Republican Guard's Hammurabi near Karbala killing six or seven Americans. Division is still attempting to move south to reinforce the remnants of the devastated Medina Division. airfield airfield **JORDAN** Karbala Hindiyah Najaf\(\) Amarah Nasirivah **Coalition Forces Update** Samawah • The 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division continues its advance on Baghdad from the west, moving through the Basra Karbala Gap, crossing the Euphrates River at Musayyib, and closing to within 30 miles of the Safwan city. Advanced elements are within 19 miles of the capitol. Umm Qasr • The 1st Marine Expeditionary Force continues to 4★ Kuwait City attack northeast from Diwaniyah, crossing the Tigris River at Numaniyah, and turning north Persian toward Baghdad, coming to within 60 miles from **KUWAIT** Gulf200 the city. MILES • Elements of the 101st Airborne Division continue to engage irregular Iraqi forces in Najaf. • Elements of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division have secured key supply points in the towns of Kifl and Samawah. Sources: Unclassified Department of • In northern Iraq, Kurdish troops, supported by Airfields Defense Sources and Press Reports: U.S. special operations forces, secured a stretch map from The Washington Post. of road between Kalak and Mosul. Oil fields